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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between II French Corps and the 9th Colonial Division: As before to LANGENALB R5627 (to 9th Col Div) - thence to HERRENALB R5122 - REICHENTAL R4814 (both to II Fr Corps).

Boundary between Fifteenth and Ninth Armies: Beginning at the junction of the RHINE River and the 12th - 21 Army Group boundaries A2138 - thence south along the west bank of the RHINE River to its junction with the Ninth Army south boundary vicinity A2621.

Boundary between Fifteenth and Third Armies: Beginning at the former boundary between Third Army and Fifteenth Army at KOBLENZ L8896 - thence BOPARD L8981 - L8873 - DUDENROTH L8665 - KISSELBACH L9161 - BAD KREUZNACH M0939 - Army Group (6th - 12th) boundary vicinity ALSENZ M0626 (all to Third Army). The southern boundary of Fifteenth Army coincides with the former Seventh - Third Army boundary west of ALSENZ M0626.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (111200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and CC2 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). During the night of 10/11 April the enemy disengaged from the front. The division advanced south and followed up. The 21st Colonial Infantry occupied AU AM RHEIN R3639, ELSCHESHEIM R3436, BIETIGHEIM R3734 and DURMERSHEIM R3936. The 9th Zouaves occupied NEUMALSCH R4233 and MALSCH R4331. The 23d Colonial Infantry occupied WALDPRECHTSWEIR R4329 and HERRENALB R5122. The 126th Infantry, which was attached to the division, concentrated in the vicinity of OBERTEILER R4735. Front line change: R3436 - R3734 - R4233 - R4331 - FREIOLSHEIM R4627 - R4526 - R4920 - R5122.

I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Combat Command "4" of the 5th French Armored Division supported the division, moved south, followed up the enemy's withdrawal and occupied ROTENSOL R5324, NEUSATZ R5524, NEUENBURG R6228, DENNACH R6025, DOBEL R5522 and VIERTTEL R5424. The 151st Infantry held the north bank of the ENZ River between NEUENBURG R6228 and BIRKENFELD R6630. Front line change: R5524 - R5522 - R6025 - R6328 - R6630. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). The 4th Tunisian TIRAILLEURS held the west bank of the ENZ and NECKAR Rivers between BIETIGHEIM S0241 and the vicinity of S0348. The 49th Infantry held the west bank of the NECKAR River between LAUFFEN S0353 and the vicinity of S0348. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" supported the advance of the 2d Moroccan Division. The remainder of the division continued regrouping in the vicinity of R8543.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th, 44th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Stubborn house-to-house fighting continued in HEILBRONN S0861. The town was almost entirely destroyed. A heavy pontoon bridge across the NECKAR River in the vicinity of S0761 was knocked out by artillery fire. 63d Division. The 253d Infantry attacked south, crossed the KOCHER River in the vicinity of S3479 and gained up to three miles on a three-mile front. The 254th Infantry held the high ground S3780 - S4677 just north of the KOCHER River. Front line change: S3476 - S3574 - S3876 - S3780 - S4677 - S5078. 10th Armored Division. (With 324th Inf atchd). Withdrew from the CRAILSHEIM S7062 area. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of S4382, Combat Command "R" in the

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vicinity of S4388 and Combat Command "B" in the vicinity of S5088. The 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron with elements of Combat Command "B" covered the line S5671 - S6973 - S6675. Front line change: S5077 - S5671 - S6973 - S6675.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. Attacked south on a six-mile front and gained up to six and one-half miles. Front line change: S5588 - S5496 - S5897 - N6100. 12th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Combat Command "R" attacked southeast on a one-mile front and gained up to two miles. Combat Command "B" attacked north against stiff opposition and gained up to five miles on a four-mile front. Attacked KLEIN-LANGHEIM N8333 from the south and the northwest. Front line change: N8110 - N8211 and N8325 - N8333 - N7836. 42d Division. (With CCA 12th Armd Div atchd). The division less Combat Command "A" attacked east, gained up to five miles on an eight-mile front and entered SCHWEINFURT N7863 from the west against only moderate resistance. Combat Command "A" passed through the bridgehead over the MAIN River in the vicinity of N7442, attacked northeast and gained up to thirteen miles. Reached WEYER N8461 and SULZHEIM N8652. Front line change: N7542 - N7942 - N8652 - N8461 - N7844 and N7560 - OBERNDORF N7661 - N7863 - DITTELBRUNN N7767 - HAMBACH N7669.

XV Corps. 3d Division. (With CCB 14th Armd Div atchd). Attacked south on an eleven-mile front and gained up to five miles. Combat Command "B" captured HESSELBACH N8471. Front line change: N7669 - N8370 - N9171 - N9575. 45th Division. Attacked east on a five-mile front, gained up to one mile and captured HAPPERTSHAUSEN N9477. Front line change: N9477 - N9784. 106th Cavalry Group. Cleared SULZDORF 00186, FISCHBACH 01674, DIETERSDORF 02084 and HELDBURG 01391. Units were on the line 00186 - 00978 - 01674 - 02084 - 01786 - 01391.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 6th Airborne Division. RAMLINGEN X5337 was captured. The division was then placed in corps reserve, with the 3d Parachute Brigade on a one-hour alert. Front line change: RAMLINGEN X5337 - X5145. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Passed through the sector held by 6th Airborne Division. The 227th Brigade attacked east, gained up to four miles and reached CELLE X5849. Front line change: X5146 - CELLE X5849 - X4646. 11th Armored Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). The 1st Commando Brigade attacked northeast and gained up to three miles. Seized two bridges over the ALLER River intact in the vicinity of X3057 and X2858 and secured a small bridgehead. The 29th Armored Brigade captured MARKLENDORF X3354, passed through the Commando Brigade bridgehead and expanded it to the south to include ENGEHAUSEN X3356. Front line change: X3151 - X3354 - X3356 - X3057 - X2858 - SCHWARMSTEDT X2755.

XII Corps. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). The 160th Brigade advanced east one-half mile and was engaged in heavy fighting in RETHEN X1166. The 4th Armored Brigade was attached to the division and concentrated southwest of HOYA W9468. Front line change: RETHEN X1166. 3d Division. (Less 9th Bde). The 185th Brigade relieved units of the 7th Armored Division and held the line between W8187 and W7690. The 8th Brigade held the line between W5879 and W4677. 52d Division. The 4th Armored Brigade was relieved from attachment and attached to the 53d Division. The division reconnaissance units advanced east against little opposition and reached the line W3627 - DAMME W3136 - HANDORF W2840 - HOLDORF W2643, all points inclusive. Front line change: W3627 - W3136 - W2840 - W2643 - W1344.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. The 154th Brigade with division reconnaissance units attacked northeast against little resistance, gained up to five and one-half miles on a three-mile front and reached QUAKENBRUCK W1453. Captured BADBERGEN W1648. Front line change: W1445 - W1648 - W1453 - W0648. Guards Armored Division. The 32d Guards Infantry Brigade attacked north, crossed the HASE River in the vicinity of W0358, continued north one-half mile and reached BOEN W0359. The division reconnaissance units passed through the 32d Brigade but were held up in the vicinity of W0360 - W0259 because of road blocks and blown bridges. Front line change: W0359 - W0360 - W0259. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). The 130th Brigade attacked northeast, gained up to six miles and reached LONINGEN W0160. The 129th Brigade attacked north, gained up to two and one-half miles and

reached the vicinity of V9464. Front line change: V9153 - V9556 - W0160 - V9258 - V9464.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked northeast on an eleven-mile front and gained up to nine miles. Front line change: V9672 - V9874 - W0276 - W0087 - LORUP V9481 - V9184 - V8585. Polish Armored Division. The 3d Polish Infantry Brigade advanced northeast from its bridgehead over a canal in the vicinity of V3061 against no resistance. Gained up to seventeen miles on a five-mile front and captured a bridge intact over a canal in the vicinity of V5181. Front line change: V3557 - V4770 - V5674 - V5575 - V5175 - V5181 - V4070 - V3063. 2d Canadian Division. (With 1st Cdn Ren Regt attd). Attacked north against little or no opposition and gained up to thirty-two miles on a five-mile front. Captured BEILEN V1774. Front line change: V1967 - V1874 - V1980 - V1571 - V1270 - V1260 - V0558 and V0350 - V0024. 3d Canadian Division. Attacked north against little opposition, gained up to four miles and captured RAALTE V0022. Division reconnaissance units were in OLSZ 28916. Front line change: V0022 - Z9815 and Z8916. 1st Canadian Division. Attacked west at 101630B, crossed the IJSEL River in the vicinity of Z9302 against little opposition and secured a bridgehead up to two miles wide and two miles deep. Front line change: Z9204 - Z9002 - Z9101.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (11 April). Eighth Air Force: 1,300 heavy bombers attacked the oil storage depots at FRIEDHAM Y7355 and LANDSHUT U2602, the marshalling yards at INGOLSTADT T7124 and DONAUWORTH T2317 and several other targets. 1,267 aircraft dropped 3,025.9 tons of general purpose and 337.9 tons of incendiary bombs on all assigned targets. No bombers were lost. 765 fighter aircraft sortied to support the bomber operations. No fighters were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 698 medium bombers attacked an ordnance depot at NAUMBURG J8491, the marshalling yards at BERNBURG D7662, ASCHERSLEBEN D5757 and ZWICKAU K3646 and a vehicle assembly plant at HAMBURG S5152. No bombers were lost. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,650 fighter/fighter bomber sorties in support of the bomber operations, on fighter/fighter bomber sweeps and on armed reconnaissance. 11 fighters were lost. Claims included 74 enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground, 957 motor transports, 62 armored vehicles and 60 locomotives.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain in the northwest. Clouds: Scattered to broken. Visibility: 2 - 3 miles at dawn, becoming 4 - 6 miles by 1100B. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 68° F. Minimum 48° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Resistance continued light to moderate on the army front. Enemy losses were estimated as moderate, our losses as light. (Army Troops). 70th Division. 275th Infantry relieved the 11th Infantry (First Army) in the vicinity of FRANKFURT M6670. 474th Infantry (non-div) assembled in the vicinity of H4154.

XII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Gained up to four miles southeast. Combat Command "B" captured COBURG O3089 and Combat Command "A" reached O4190. Front line change: COBURG O3089 - O3339 - O4190. 71st Division. (With 2d Cav Gp attd). Gained up to three miles east on a six-mile front. Attached cavalry units contacted XV Corps troops in the vicinity of O2371 and O6280. Front line change: O2680 and HEUSTADT O4097 - J3201. 26th Division. Advanced six miles east on a ten-mile front over abrupt and wooded terrain. Front line change: J3004 - SCHALKAU J3204 - J3407 - J3612 - J3818 - J3816. 90th Division. Advanced up to six miles east on a six-mile front. GROSS BREITENBACH J3125 was captured during the advance. Front line change: J3622 - J3630 - J2835.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Captured ANGSTEDT J3138 and GRIESHEIM J3344 after an advance of five miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: ANGSTEDT J3138 - J3242 - J3343 - GRIESHEIM J3344 - J3647. 89th Division. Gained up to

nine miles east on an eleven-mile front, MECKFELD J4263 and GUTENDORF J4463 were captured. Front line change: J3850 - J3752 - J4257 - J4360 - GUTENDORF J4463 - J4865. 6th Cavalry Group. Assembled in the vicinity of J1450.

XX Corps. 4th Armored Division. Gained up to twenty-three miles east. Combat Command "R" reached points south and east of WEIMAR J5270 and contained the city, while Combat Command "B" reached the areas J6169 and J5773. Combat Command "A" advanced to the vicinity of J7160. Front line change: J7160 - J6169 - J5773. 80th Division. 319th Infantry gained eleven miles east on the left of the 4th Armored Division. The 317th and 318th Infantry Regiments surrounded ERFURT J3169 where fighting continued. 76th Division. Advanced up to sixteen miles east on a six-mile front, mopping up behind the 6th Armored Division. 6th Armored Division. Advanced up to twenty-eight miles east. Three bridges over the SAALE River in the area J7781 - J7888 were captured and units of Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" crossed the river south of MAUMBERG J8491. Front line change: J7881 - J7883 - J8085 - J8088 - J7889. 3d Cavalry Group. Operated on the corps flanks.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 11th Infantry. No change. 20th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of G1820.

V Corps. 69th Division. Continued to mop up behind Combat Command "R" 9th Armored Division. Units reached J5095. 2d Armored Division. Followed Combat Command "B" of the 9th Armored Division and captured SONDESHAUSEN D1912. 9th Armored Division. Gained up to thirty-one miles east on a nineteen-mile front. Combat Command "R" reached J8595 and established contact with the 6th Armored Division (Third Army) in the vicinity of J6088 and J7589. Combat Command "A" reached WIEHE D5602. Combat Command "B" captured ALLSTEDT D5418, BAD FRANKENHAUSEN D3411 and reached the vicinity of D5910. Resistance was light on the division front. Front line change: J7589 - J8595 - WIEHE D5602 - D5910 - ALLSTEDT D5418.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With 414th Inf atchd). Combat Command "B" reached SANGERHAUSEN D4725 and the vicinity of D4419 after having advanced up to twenty miles east on an eight-mile front. Combat Command "R" reached the vicinity of D2031. Combat Command "A" captured HERZBERG C8042 and FREIHEIT C7451 after heavy fighting. Except for the latter, opposition was light. Front line change: D4419 - SANGERHAUSEN D4725 - D2031 - D0833 - D0133 and HERZBERG C8042 - FREIHEIT C7451. 104th Division. (Less 414th Inf). Screened the north flank of and supported the 3d Armored Division during its advance. 1st Division. (With 4th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced on the left of and behind the 3d Armored Division. The 16th Infantry met moderate opposition from infantry weapons fire and tanks in the vicinities of C8042 and C7550. On the left, units of the division gained up to six miles east. The 4th Cavalry Group was attached to the division and operated on its left flank in the vicinity of C7560. Front line change: C7055 - C7057. 9th Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of C9728.

III Corps. 5th Division. (Less 11th Inf). Advanced three miles west and were then passed through on the division left by the 7th Armored Division. The 5th Division continued its advance. Only light opposition was encountered. Front line change: B2510 - B2307 - B1903. 7th Armored Division. Captured SCHLIPRUTHEN G2492 and OBR. SALWEY G2494, attacked through the left of the 5th Division and made a slight advance. Front line change: B2002 - B2101 - OBR. SALWEY G2494 - SCHLIPRUTHEN G2492. 99th Division. Gained two miles west on a five-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: G2391 - G2188 - G1988 - G1863.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 86th Division. (Less 341st Inf). Captured HEGGEN G1584 and ATTENDORN G1180 after having made an advance of up to three miles north on a four-mile front against scattered opposition. Front line change: G1883 - HEGGEN G1584 - ATTENDORN G1180. 8th Division. Gained two to ten miles northwest on a twelve-mile front against little opposition. Front line change: G0184 - F9387 - F8285. 78th Division. Advanced six miles northwest on a ten-mile front and captured MULLENBACH F8974 against very light resistance. Front line change: F8977 - MULLENBACH F8974 - HERRESHAGEN F8572 - F8370 - F8166 - F8164 - F8361. 97th Division. (With 341st Inf atchd). Mopped up behind the advance of the 13th Armored Division and repulsed a small counterattack in the vicinity of HUTTE F5945. On the division right, an advance of two miles north was made. Front line change: F7959. 13th Armored Division. Attacked north and gained up to fourteen miles. Combat Command "B" captured DELLERUCK F5364 and SAND F5170 against light

opposition. Combat Command "A" met heavy resistance from infantry and anti-tank weapons in the vicinity of F6353. Front line change: F6353 - SAND F5170 - URBACH F5454.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 29th Division. Attached to XVI Corps effective 121200B.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. (Less 194th G11 Inf). Attacked south and reached the RUHR River along the line A3317 - A4015. The 507th Infantry captured a bridge over the RUHR River in the vicinity of A4014 and held a small bridgehead. Front line change: RUHR River line A3317 - A4015. 79th Division. Advanced south and reached and held the line of the RUHR River in zone. Units captured a bridge intact in the vicinity of A4406 and seized a small bridgehead over the RUHR River. Moderate resistance from infantry weapons and self-propelled gun fire was encountered. Front line change: RUHR River line A4015 - A4912 and A5914. 35th Division. (Less 320th Inf). Advanced south to the RUHR River along the line A6213 - A6714. Front line change: RUHR River line A6213 - A6714. 75th Division. (With 320th Inf atchd). Gained five miles southeast from the area south of DORTMUND A8124. North of DORTMUND the 320th Infantry made a slight advance to the east. Resistance was moderate. Front line change: RUHR River line A6714 - A7314 and A7415 - A7616 - A7715 - A7816 - A7818 - A7719 - A7720 and A8128. 95th Division. (With 15th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced up to six and one-half miles southwest on a seven-mile front. Fighting continued in DORTMUND A8124. The 15th Cavalry Group was attached to the division. Front line change: A8027 - A8326 - A8626 - A8724 - A8923 - A9123. 8th Armored Division. (With 194th G11 Inf atchd). Gained four miles southwest on a five-mile front. The 194th Glider Infantry reached the RUHR River along the line B2212 - B2511. Front line change: A9222 - A9422 - A9520 - A9620 and RUHR River line B2212 - B2511.

XIX Corps. 83d Division. Gained up to thirty miles east on a ten-mile front against light resistance. HALBERSTADT D2771 was captured during the advance. Front line change: C9465 - BORNECKE D2763 - WINNINGEN D5664 - HETEBORN D4471 - KROPPESTEDT D4577. 2d Armored Division. (With 119th Inf atchd). Advanced up to forty-two miles east on a ten-mile front. Units of Combat Command "B" reached MAGDEBURG D6599. Resistance was very light. Front line change: SCHONEBECK D7487 - MAGDEBURG D6599 - D2094 - D0899. 30th Division. (Less 119th Inf). Gained up to eleven miles on a seven-mile front and captured a bridge over the WABE Canal in the vicinity of X9509. BRAUNSCHEIG X9011 was captured against stiff resistance. Front line change: X8505 - X9604 - Y0010 - X9514. 113th Cavalry Group. Continued to screen the corps right flank.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Attacked northeast and gained up to thirteen miles on a thirteen-mile front. Front line change: Y1042 - Y0645 - Y0546 - Y0851 - Y0349 - X8948 - X8943. 102d Division. Gained eleven miles east on a three-mile front. The 407th Infantry mopped up pockets of resistance in the vicinity of HESS OLDENDORF C0398. Front line change: X6719 - X6623. 84th Division. Gained four to seven miles northeast on a five-mile front. The 335th Infantry was placed in corps reserve in the vicinity of HANNOVER X3621. Front line change: HANIGSEN X6034 - X5742.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 106th Division, 66th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for that portion of the Fifteenth Army zone lying south of the former boundary between Third and Fifteenth Armies.

XXII Corps. 28th Division. (Less 109th Inf). Continued to assemble in the corps area. 16th Cavalry Group. 19th Cavalry Squadron commenced movement to the XXIII Corps area.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 112400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	69,826	285,741	36,343	9,619	401,529
Non-battle					299,402
Total Casualties					700,931

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7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: 3d Division MASSBACH N8179; 4th Division GIEBELSTADT N5919; 42d Division STETTACH N6758; 14th French Division VENDENHEIM Q9808; 2d Moroccan Division SINGEN R6140; 12th Armored Division OBERNBREIT N7520; 14th Armored Division UNSLEBEN H7900.

21 Army Group: Second British Army W0110; 4th Canadian Armored Division V8671.

12th Army Group: 12th Army Group Tac WIESBADEN M3565; Ninth Army GUTERSLOH B4466; XVI Corps RECKLINGHAUSEN A3236; V Corps WEISSENSEE J3294; XX Corps GOTH A0965; 1st Division C7450; 2d Division C9816; 26th Division J1316; 35th Division A6427; 69th Division J2497; 71st Division J1207; 84th Division X5430; 89th Division J2653; 90th Division J2130; 95th Division A9530; 102d Division X5222; 4th Armored Division J4267; 6th Armored Division J7283; 9th Armored Division D0307; 20th Armored Division G2728; 13th Armored Division F6244.

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